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SUBJECT: UZBEKISTAN: KARIMOV TO ATTEND SCO SUMMIT AFTER ALL?

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[1](#)1. (S) On August 19, Uzbekistan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs Desk Chief Ismat Fayzullaev confirmed for Poloff that the information in reftel A demarche was delivered to the appropriate authorities in the Government of Uzbekistan, and indicated that President Karimov will in fact be attending the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit in Dushanbe on August 28. This is a reversal of what Fayzullaev had stated earlier this month (reftel B), and he did not explain the reason for this change, stating that this information is "unofficial." Moreover, many members of the GOU's top leadership--including Defense Minister Mirzayev, Foreign Minister Norov, and National Security Council Secretary Atayev--will not be available to meet with CENTCOM General Dempsey during his August 28 visit to Tashkent due to the large number of conferences and summits taking place at the same time. The GOU does recognize that General Dempsey is a high-ranking U.S. official and is setting up meetings with "acting" officials of appropriate rank, however, Fayzullaev said.  
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